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TOKYO PASS TO ED SAVAGE, WHITE HOUSE PARTY
1. PRESIDENT FORD'S EA TRIP
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REUTER AND NETWORKS REPORT 'PRES' ARRIVAL AT KYOTO FOR
FINAL SIGHTSEEING TRIP. POLICE EXPECT SOME 30,000
DEMONSTRATORS TO PROTEST KYOTO VISIT; AT OSAKA, 3,000
GUARDED AIRPORT AGAINST 1,600 PROTESTERS, AND OVER
1000 POLICEMEN WERE POSTED IN AND AROUND MIYAKO HOTEL.

WP'S KILPATRICK/OBERDORFER NOTE THAT KYOTO HAS LONG BEEN CENTER OF STUDENT RADICALISM, AND REPORT AUTHORITIES SAYING 34 ORGANIZATIONS HAD APPLIED FOR PERMITS TO DEMONSTRATE THERE AGAINST VISIT.

WHILE US AND JAPANESE OFFICIALS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH TOKYO VISIT, THERE WERE NO MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENTS, SAY KILPATRICK/OBERDORFER. JOINT COMMUNIQUE SAID "NEW PAGE" WAS ADDED TO US-JAPAN HISTORY OF AMITY BECAUSE OF TRIP -- BUT BESIDES SYMBOLISM OF PRESIDENTIAL MEETING AND CURIOUS HISTORICAL FACT THAT NONE HAD PREVIOUSLY TAKEN PLACE IN JAPAN, IT WAS UNCLEAR WHAT THE PRINT ON "NEW PAGE" MIGHT SAY. ALTHOUGH HAK LAUDED "FRANKNESS" OF TALKS, SUCH FRANKNESS EVIDENTLY DID NOT EXTEND TO PRESENT STRAITS OF TANAKA GOVT. EXPECTED DEMISE OF TANAKA GOVT IS NOT LIKELY TO BRING

IMMEDIATE DRAMATIC CHANGES IN JAPANESE POLICIES, BUT SITUATION RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT USEFULNESS OF PRES' TWO DAYS OF FORMAL MEETINGS WITH GOVT LEADERS WHO WILL SOON BE OUT OF OFFICE.

US-JAPAN TALKS BROUGHT NO KNOWN SETTLEMENT OF NUKES CONTROVERSY DESPITE MASS OF UNOFFICIAL EVIDENCE OF THEIR PRESENCE IN JAPAN. THERE WAS NO PUBLIC MENTION OF NIXON DOCTRINE AND PROGRESSIVE WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES FROM ASIA; INDICATIONS ARE FORD HAS NOT FORMULATED STRATEGY OF HIS OWN IN THIS AREA. PRESENCE OF 25,000 POLICE ON ALERT EVERY DAY IN TOKYO WAS OVERWHELMING, AND VIRTUALLY NO DEMONSTRATIONS OR SIGNS OF HOSTILITY WERE REPORTED IN CITY DURING PRES STAY; REPORTER WHO TRAVELED WITH FORD MOTORCADE FOR WHOLE DAY DID NOT SEE SINGLE HOME-MADE SIGN OR BANNER, PRO OR CON (ALSO IN PHINQ).

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NYT'S HERBERS OBSERVES THAT US-JAPAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE DID NOT PLEDGE EITHER COUNTRY TO ANY SPECIFIC COURSE OF ACTION, AND CITES SIGNS THAT TALKS MAY HAVE BEEN HAMPERED BY TANAKA'S WEAKENED POLITICAL POSITION. HAK SPENT MUCH OF HIS TIME TALKING TO OTHER LDP OFFICIALS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO STAY ON SHOULD TANAKA BE REPLACED. FURTHER SIGN THAT PRES' VISIT HAS BEEN MORE SYMBOLIC THAN SUBSTANTIVE WAS FACT HIS PUBLIC APPEARANCES OVERSHADOWED FORD-TANAKA TALKS OR ISSUES UNDER DISCUSSION.

VIRTUALLY ALL PAPERS CARRY PHOTOS OF PRES ENJOYING JUDO EXHIBIT AT BUDOKAN HALL; PHOTOS OF PRES CEREMONIALLY PLANTING DOGWOOD ON GUEST HOUSE GROUNDS APPEAR IN SUN, NYT; NYT HAS AP SHOT OF PRES SHAKING

HANDS WITH GUEST HOUSE STAFF BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR KYOTO.
NYT HAS COMMUNIQUE TEXT.

SUN'S TREWHITT AND REUTER (TOKYO) REPORT OPPOSITION
PARTIES CRITICIZED COMMUNIQUE, CALLING IT VAGUE AND
SAYING IT GLOSSED OVER SUCH ISSUES AS NUKES CONTROVERSY.
RHETORIC ASIDE, SAYS NYDN'S WIEGHART, BOTH COMMUNIQUE
AND HAK'S BRIEFING ON IT WERE SHORT ON SPECIFICS.
THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC COMMITMENT, IN TERMS OF DOLLARS
FOR AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OR FOR INCREASED FOOD
ALLOCATIONS TO NATIONS FACING STARVATION; THERE WAS
NO DIRECT PLEDGE BY JAPAN TO JOIN PROPOSED OIL-
CONSUMERS' UNION; AND NUKES ISSUE WENT UNMENTIONED,
ACCORDING WIEGHART.

TREWHITT OBSERVES THAT COMMUNIQUE DID CONTAIN PASSAGE

THAT "COVERED, IN ALMOST TOTALLY VEILED FASHION,'
NUKES QUESTION. BUT COMMUNIQUE CONTAINED NO SURPRISES,
AND THERE WERE FEW PASSAGES THAT REQUIRED SPECIFIC,
CONCRETE ACTION. IT FIT INTO SYMBOLIC TONE OF PRES'
STAY, THOUGH IN THAT RESPECT IT CONTAINED SOMETHING
FOR BOTH GOVTS. TO CHITRIB'S BECKMAN, COMMUNIQUE WAS
VOID OF ANY SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS BUT LONG ON PROMISES
AND HEAVY ON DIPLOMATIC PHRASES.

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S-N'S JOHNSTON FOUND VISIT WAS GREETED WITH "CURIOUS
AND UNEXPECTED APATHY." FEARED DEMONSTRATIONS FAILED
TO MATERIALIZE, SQUADS OF POLICE STOOD ABOUT ON
CITY'S STREET CORNERS "LOOKING LIKE SO MANY DISPLACED
DOORMEN," AND DESPITE TV COVERAGE OF MOST CEREMONIAL
EVENTS, CITIZENS WERE NOT RIVETED TO SCREENS, SEEMING
MORE PREOCCUPIED BY ONE-DAY TRANSIT STRIKE. AT
BRIEFINGS, HAK "SOMEWHAT FROSTILY" RELEGATED NUKES
ISSUE TO FRAMEWORK OF MST. WHILE THERE IS EVERY
EVIDENCE GOJ IS PERFECTLY HAPPY TO HAVE QUESTION
HANDLED THIS WAY, ISSUE REMAINS AN IRRITANT, AND
ASAHI SHIMBUN EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE THAT PROBLEM WAS
NOT FACED DIRECTLY (NOV 20).

KEATLEY (WSJ) SUGGESTS THAT JAPAN VISIT MAY PROVE
MORE USEFUL THAN SURFACE RESULTS WOULD INDICATE.
TOKYO CEREMONIES, WHICH FOUND PRES DELIVERING "INNOCUOUS
SPEECHES IN FORMALIZED SETTING," SYMBOLIZE IMPORTANCE
US ATTACHES TO RELATIONS WITH JAPAN. NO US PRES
HAS BEEN ABLE TO VISIT THERE PREVIOUSLY, SO FORD
SEEMED TO POP UP EVERYWHERE TO DO HIS DIPLOMATIC
BIT. MORE IMPORTANTLY, PROMISES ABOUT COOPERATION
MAY INDICATE SOME SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN JAPANESE
POLICIES. NOTES HAK CALLED JAPANESE GOVT "REALIZATION

OF INTERDEPENDENCE" MOST TANGIBLE RESULT OF TOKYO MEETING; IF SO, IT COULD BE IMPORTANT TO US. ADMIN'S PLAN FOR COMBATTING HIGH OIL COSTS REQUIRES CLOSE COOPERATION AMONG MAJOR USERS AND COULD FAIL UNLESS JAPAN JOINS IN AND DOESN'T SEEK SEPARATE DEALS WITH SUPPLIERS. HAK'S REMARKS AND COMMUNIQUE INDICATE MORE FORTHCOMING GOJ ATTITUDE. "BUT THAT SEEMS TO BE ABOUT ALL THAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED," AND ONE REASON FOR MODEST RESULTS IS TANAKA'S UNCERTAIN POSITION.

REUTER'S MACKENZIE SAYS PRES' DEPARTURE FROM TOKYO REVIVED SPECULATION THAT TANAKA MAY ANNOUNCE RESIGNATION NEXT WEEK. SENIOR LDP OFFICIAL SUZUKI TOLD NEWSMEN THURSDAY THAT SECRETARY-GENERAL NIKAIDO IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE PREMIER'S DEPARTURE MONDAY OR TUESDAY TO GENERAL MEETING OF LDP MEMBERS OF DIET.

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2. INDOCHINA

SPEAKING ON FIRST DAY OF FOUR-DAY APACL MEETING IN SAIGON, THIEU CALLS FOR INDOCHINA PEACE CONFERENCE OF ALL TEN SEA COUNTRIES, INCLUDING NVN. THIEU NOTED HE MADE SIMILAR APPEALS IN OCT 72 AND LAST JUNE (REUTER SAIGON).

MCCOMBS (WP) IN SAIGON REPORTS GVN ANNOUNCEMENT OF TERMINATION OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MIL PRESS BRIEFINGS. REVIEWS HISTORY OF BRIEFINGS WHICH, WHEN JOINTLY HELD BY MACV AND ARVN AND ATTENDED BY HUNDREDS OF CORRESPONDENTS, WERE DUBBED "FIVE-O'CLOCK FOLLIES." NOTES THAT ONLY A SCORE OF FULL-TIME FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS ARE IN VN NOW. GVN BRIEFING OFFICER ANNOUNCED THAT VIET LANGUAGE BRIEFINGS (FROM WHICH FOREIGNERS ARE BARRED) WILL CONTINUE, AND PSYWAR DEPT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE DAILY WAR SUMMARY IN ENGLISH. BRIEFER ADDED THAT ENGLISH LANGUAGE BRIEFINGS MAY BE RESUMED "SHOULD THE SITUATION WARRANT."

MIL COMMAND ANNOUNCES THAT LAST POST IN "IRON TRIANGLE" RETAKEN AFTER BLOODY SIX-MONTH CAMPAIGN. AREA HAD BEEN USED SINCE TAKEN BY NVA FIVE MONTHS AGO AS STAGING BASE FOR ATTACKS ON SAIGON (AP, WP, UPI, NYDN).

LAT'S CHRISTON (11/20) REVIEWS PLAY "XA: A VIETNAM PRIMER," BY PROVISIONAL THEATER IN LA, THAT "CURSORILY" ACTS OUT HISTORY OF VN'S LAST 1000 YRS WITH EMPHASIS ON FRENCH AND US PRESENCE AND HO'S EFFORTS TO UNIFY COUNTRY. SAYS PRODUCTION MAKES NO PRETENSE OF THOROUGHNESS AND IMPARTIALITY. IT DEPICTS "GHASTLY SUFFERING," AND ATTEMPT TO WRECK SPIRIT THAT GIVES MEANING TO LIFE OF VIET PEASANT THAT GOES ON TODAY "PARTLY BY REPRESSION,

PARTLY BY TRYING TO TRANSFORM THE PEASANT INTO AN URBAN CONSUMER."

S-N'S ARBUCKLE IN SIEM REAP (11/20) SAYS INCREASING ATTACKS IN AREA ARE SEEN THERE AS MAJOR ATTEMPT TO SEIZE CITY AND CLAIM IT AS CAPITAL BY KHMER INSURGENTS. THIS WOULD BUTTRESS COMMUNIST ATTEMPT AT UN TO BE RECOGNIZED AS GOVT OF CAMBODIA.
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ARBUCKLE DESCRIBES RECENT REBEL RAID TO CAPTURE PRISONERS TO GAIN INFO; SAYS NATURE OF FRONT MAKES SUCH RAIDS EASY. KAF CHOPPER GUNSHIPS PROVIDE "TOWN'S BEST EVENING ENTERTAINMENT" AS THEY SWEEP LOW TO FIRE ROCKETS. NOTES THAT BRIEF FANK OCCUPATION OF SOME TEMPLES IN ANGKOR AREA WAS HAILED AS PSYCHOLOGICAL

VICTORY. GKR COMMANDING GENERAL SAYS ANGKOR IS KEY TO FIGHTING IN NW CAMBODIA AND COMMUNISTS CONSIDER ITS DEFENSE AS FIRST PRIORITY.

DEPUTY SECDEF SHIELDS TELLS HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE THAT 936 AMERICANS REMAIN MIA, 427 OTHERS HAVE BEEN DECLARED DEAD SINCE C-F, AND 1019 WERE DECLARED DEAD DURING WAR THOUGH BODIES NOT RECOVERED (CHITRIB).

3. JAPAN

JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO REPORTS GOJ EFFORT TO MEDIATE CONFLICTING US AND FRENCH PROPOSALS ON INTL CONFERENCES ON OIL PROBLEMS. KIMURA WAS SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS WITH HAK WEDNESDAY AND WITH SAUVAGNARGUES THURS. HE BELIEVES COMPROMISE IS POSSIBLE, AND IS AFRAID THAT CONTINUED CONFLICT MIGHT POSE MAJOR BARRIER TO ANY ANSWER TO WORLD OIL ISSUE. OBSERVERS THINK GOJ PLAN MAY BE FOR CONFERENCE LIMITED TO MAJOR OIL-CONSUMING AND KEY OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS, BUT ARE NOT ENTIRELY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES OF REACHING COMPROMISE. GOJ BASICALLY OPPOSES US PLAN, INCLUDING HAK IDEA OF TEN PERCENT CUTBACK IN CRUDE IMPORTS BY BIG CONSUMERS NEXT YEAR. PRES RAISED OIL QUESTION WITH TANAKA, AND THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS IT AGAIN. US-GOJ MEETING ON HAK SCHEME EXPECTED TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH, BUT NO INDICATION WHERE.

PRES OF AMERICAN NATL CATTLEMEN'S ASSN IN NEBRASKA SAYS PRES PROMISED HIM THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF OPENING JAPANESE MARKET TO US MEAT PRODUCTS ON CURRENT VISIT, BUT WOULD NOT SPECULATE ON RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS (UPI, JOC).
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NY METS LEAVE JAPAN AFTER COMPILING 9-7-2 RECORD
(AP NYT, NYDN; UPI, WP).

4. CHINA

HAK REVEALS RUMSFELD WILL ACCOMPANY HIM ON PEKING VISIT
(WP'S KILPATRICK/OBERDORFER). BECKMAN (CHITRIB)SAYS
RUMSFELD SUGGESTED EN ROUTE TO JAPAN THAT HE WOULD LIKE
TO ACCOMPANY HAK TO CHINA, AND IT WAS DECIDED THIS
TRIP WOULD BE GOOD OPPORTUNITY. HAK ADDED HIS BELIEF
"IT WILL BE HELPFUL" THAT RUMSFELD "HAVE SOME EXPOSURE

TO CHINA, BUT IT HAS NO PROFOUND SIGNIFICANCE BEYOND
THIS."

REUTER REPORTS EIGHT-MEMBER PHARMACOLOGY STUDY GROUP
OF CHINESE MEDICAL ASSN LEFT PEKING TUESDAY FOR STUDY
TOUR OF US, ACCORDING NCNA.

PRC SWIMMING ASSN VOICES CONDEMNATION AND 'GREAT
INDIGNATION' AT "ABSURD" DECISION BY WORLD AMATEUR
SWIMMING BODY (FINA) TO ACCEPT PEKING AS MEMBER WITHOUT
EXPELLING ROC. PRC GROUP SAID FINA'S DECISION IS IN
EFFECT ACT OF CREATING 'TWO CHINAS,' AN INTERFERENCE
IN PRC'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS (UPI HK, WP; AP TOKYO, NYT).

5. PHILIPPINES

MOST PAPERS REPORT NAPOLEON LECHOCO, JR., ARRIVAL IN
US ESCORTED BY PHIL COLONEL WHO TOOK HIM TO PHIL
EMBASSY FOR CALL ON AMBASSADOR WITH MOTHER TO EXPRESS
REGRET OVER INCIDENT. INS OFFICIAL SAYS FATHER WOULD
BE SUBJECT TO DEPORTATION IF CONVICTED OF ASSAULTING
FOREIGN DIPLOMAT (NYDN). WP'S MANN RECORDS INTERVIEW
WITH LECOCHO, JR., AFTER TEARFUL REUNION WITH FATHER
AT ST. ELIZABETH'S. QUOTES AMB THAT PHIL GOVT WILL
NOT PRESS CHARGES BUT AT SAME TIME WILL NOT PROVIDE
'OBSTRUCTION TO CARRYING OUT JUSTICE" UNDER US LAW.

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HONOLULU OBSERVATORY RECORDS MAJOR EARTHQUAKE CENTERED
IN NEW HEBRIDES (UPI, PHINQ).

7. SINGAPORE

CRAIG CLAIBORNE IN SINGAPORE (NYT) DOES FEATURE ON
LEE KWAN YEW'S MOTHER, DESCRIBING HER AS ISLAND'S
BEST-KNOWN AUTHORITY ON STRAITS COOKERY (AN AMALGAM

OF CHINESE AND MALAY COOKING) WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED
MANUSCRIPT FOR SPECIALIZED COOKBOOK.

8. KOREA

POST'S OBERDORFER (PHINQ) IN SEOUL DESCRIBES CONCERN
OF KOREAN RC AND PROTESTANT CLERGY AND US MISSIONARIES
THAT PRES' VISIT WILL GIVE SYMBOLIC US BLESSING TO
PARK'S RULE, THUS SHORING UP REPRESSIVE POLICIES.
OBERDORFER TAKES VIEW THAT WHILE FORD'S PRESENCE BY
PARK'S SIDE MAY BE A BOOST FOR THE KOREAN LEADER,
PHENOMENON WILL BE TEMPORARY. TO SUPPORT VIEW,

OBERDORFER BRIEFLY REVIEWS HISTORY OF PARK'S POLITICAL
MANEUVERS AND REPRESSIONS, INDICATING EXTENT OF OPPOSITION
AND NOTING REPORT THAT SOME SK MILITARY MEN WONDERING
IF THEY WOULD DO BETTER WITH ANOTHER LEADER. OBERDORFER
SAYS THERE WAS PRIVATE TALK OF "PRESERVING THE SYSTEM
WITHOUT PARK." (REPLAY OF EARLIER WP STORY).

AT TOKYO NEWS CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, HAK SAID US HAS NO
PLANS TO REDUCE MILITARY FORCES IN SK; ASSERTED, "WE
ARE NOT GOING (THERE) TO DISCUSS ANY REDUCTION OF
FORCES, MUCH LESS ANNOUNCE SUCH A REDUCTION" (UPI, REUTER).
ADDED THAT SK IS ALLY "IMPORTANT NOT ONLY TO THE US,
BUT ALSO TO JAPAN."

AP'S HWANG, IN SEOUL, REPORTS EXPLOSION WEDNESDAY IN
NEWLY-FOUND DMZ TUNNEL KILLED OFFICERS AND WOUNDED
FIVE US MILITARY MEN AND KOREAN WHO WERE INSPECTING
IT (GLOBE, SUN, WP, PHINQ). UNC SAYS CAUSE OF EXPLOSION
STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION, BUT QUOTED SURVIVORS
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SAYING TEAM HAD FOUND EXPLOSIVES IN TUNNEL; SURVIVORS
ALSO SAID THERE WAS NO FIRING FROM NK SIDE AT TIME OF
INCIDENT. NYT SEOUL SPECIAL SAYS EXPLOSION, COMING
JUST TWO DAYS BEFORE PRES SCHEDULED ARRIVAL, WAS
INTERPRETED IN CAPITAL AS REFLECTING NK INTENTION TO
MAR VISIT.

AP'S HWANG REPORTS CONTINUING POLITICAL OPPOSITION AGAINST
PARK AS ABOUT 100 PROTESTANT CLERGYMEN WENT ON FAST AND
SIT-IN AT CHRISTIAN BLDG, WHILE 1500 CATHOLIC PRIESTS
AND LAYMEN HELD OVERNIGHT PRAYER MEETING AT MYUNG DONG
CATHEDRAL. SAYS GOVT HAS BEEN SPRUING UP CITY ALONG
MOTORCADE ROUTE FORD WILL FOLLOW. PICTURES OF PRES
AND PARK ARE ON ARCHES ERECTED FOR OCCASION, AND
COMMEMORATIVE CIGARETTES AND POSTAL STAMPS HAVE BEEN
ISSUED (GLOBE).

UPI (SEOUL) REPORTS SK POLICE ILLEGALLY ENTERED US

EMBASSY THURSDAY, ARRESTED AMERICAN PRIEST REV SINNOTT AND BROKE UP PROTEST DEMONSTRATION. SK AUTHORITIES ORDERED PRIEST AND 19 WOMEN FREED SOON AFTER ARRESTS. AMEMBASSY SPOKESMAN CALLED ARRESTS "MISUNDERSTANDING," SAID POLICE ENTERED COMPOUND "WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATIONS" WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS. CBS RADIO REPORTS ROK EXPRESSED APOLOGY TO EMBASSY.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. PRES' EA TRIP

SUN'S SEIDEN OBSERVES THAT UNPRECEDENTED SECURITY MEASURES KEPT PRES FROM HAVING MUCH CONTACT WITH JAPANESE PEOPLE. MOST PUBLIC APPEARANCES HAVE BEEN FORMAL CEREMONIES, PROTECTED FROM ONLOOKERS BY THOUSANDS OF POLICE. HOWEVER, JAPANESE PEOPLE YESTERDAY HAD THEIR FIRST CHANCE TO SEE PRES' CHARMING SIDE, AND BY AND LARGE LIKED IT. DELIVERING ONLY MAJOR ADDRESS OF HIS FIVE-DAY VISIT, PRES TOLD THE JAPANESE EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANTED TO HEAR, STRESSING SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE OF VISIT AND IMPORTANCE OF JAPANESE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. CITES JAPANESE JOURNALIST AS UNCLASSIFIED

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SAYING HE WAS IMPRESSED BY SENSITIVITY OF SPEECH IN TERMS OF ITS APPEAL TO JAPANESE PEOPLE. WH CORRESPONDENTS SAID IT WAS PRES' MOST SUCCESSFULLY DELIVERED SPEECH SINCE HE TOOK OFFICE.

HOWEVER, WHILE MANY JAPANESE SAID THEY WERE IMPRESSED BY PRES' CHARM AND SENSITIVITY, OTHERS EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH JOINT COMMUNIQUE, WHICH FAILED TO MENTION CONTROVERSIAL QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT US SHIPS HAVE BEEN CARRYING NUKES INTO JAPANESE PORTS. SOME POWERFUL BUSINESS LEADERS ALSO SAID THEY REMAINED WARY OF US PRESSURE TO CONFRONT ARAB OIL PRODUCERS, DESPITE US ASSURANCES THAT US DOES NOT WANT CONFRONTATION EITHER.

GLOBE'S STORIN VIEWS VISIT AS HAVING "CLEARLY SWEETENED AN IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP SOURED DURING THE FIRST BLUSH OF DETENTE WITH CHINA;" PRESS CLUB SPEECH AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE GAVE CLEAR MESSAGE IN THIS REGARD. US PLEDGED ECON COOPERATION AND PROMISED PRIOR COMMUNICATION ON IMPORTANT US INITIATIVES. AS FOR CONSULTING ON MAJOR US POLICY DISCUSSIONS, HAK ANNOUNCED HE WILL RETURN TO BRIEF JAPANESE LEADERS AFTER FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING AND AFTER HIS JOURNEY TO PRC. STORIN NOTES AMONG NEGATIVES IN PRES' TRIP, FACT THAT VISIT OCCURRED WHILE TANAKA'S FUTURE WAS IN GRAVE DOUBT; AND VISIT SEEMED TO HAVE LEFT AS A NAGGING CHARADE -

AT LEAST TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC - QUESTION OF WHETHER US BRINGS WARSHIPS INTO JAPANESE PORTS WITH NUKES ABOARD. CITES JSP LEADER ISHIBASHI, IN MEETING WITH FOREIGN REPORTERS, THAT NUCLEAR ISSUE REMAINS SOURCE OF DISTRUST BETWEEN US AND JAPANESE PEOPLE. CONCLUDES THAT OVERALL, VISIT HAS BROUGHT US-JAPAN RELATIONS A LONG WAY FROM MID-1971 WHEN JAPANESE WERE LEFT IN NIXON'S BACKWASH AS HE ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR PRC VISIT.

CDN (NOV 18) EXPRESSES SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT TRIP AT THIS TIME, NOTING THAT SEVERAL THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE VISIT FIRST PLANNED. HAZARDS, BOTH POLITICAL AND PHYSICAL, IN JAPAN, SK AND VLADIVOSTOK HAVE INCREASED TO POINT WHERE WISER COURSE MIGHT HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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BEEN TO PUT OFF ASIAN SWING UNTIL LATER; AND VICE PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE IS UNFILLED. BUT CONCLUDES ALL DOUBTS AND FEARS WILL BE QUICKLY FORGOTTEN IF PRES RETURNS WITH GOALS ACHIEVED.

CDN'S LISAGOR (NOV 18), NOTING SOME CRITICS CONTENTEND THAT TRIP MAY BE ILL-ADVISED, ILL-TIMED AND RISKY, REPORTS HAK'S STATEMENTS JUSTIFYING VISIT AS WELL AS RELATED KOREA STOPOVER. LISAGOR SAYS PARK GOVT'S REPRESSIVE MEASURES TROUBLE CRITICS HERE; BUT DIPLOMATIC SOURCES ARE LESS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS THAN POSSIBILITY NK MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO TAKE ANOTHER CRACK AT SK IF THEY THOUGHT US CONNECTION WEAKENED. LISAGOR SAYS FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING HAS BECOME CHIEF FEATURE OF TRIP, AND NOTES THAT HAK WILL THEN VISIT PEKING, BOTH TO ADVANCE RELATIONS AND PURSUE HIS EVEN-HANDED APPROACH TO COMMUNIST RIVALS.

LAT'S ABRAMSON NOTES HAK SAYING THAT US-JAPAN EXCHANGE "HAS BEEN AS CANDID, AS FRANK, AND AS CONSTRUCTIVE AS ANY I HAVE ATTENDED SINCE I HAVE BEEN IN WASHINGTON, AND HAS HAD THE MOST POSITIVE RESULTS.' ACCORDING ABRAMSON, THIS ASSESSMENT, COMING AT END OF MEETING CONSIDERED BY OBSERVERS MAINLY CEREMONIAL BAPTISM OF PRES AS INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMAT AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY OFFICIALS AS HEAVY ON SYMBOLISM, WAS SURPRISING -- ESPECIALLY SO BECAUSE HAK IS MAN KNOWN FOR PRECISE LANGUAGE. HAK TOOK THIS STAND AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING THAT PRODUCED NO SINGLE NEW FORMAL AGREEMENT AND AT TIME WHEN JAPAN ANTICIPATES TANAKA'S IMMINENT RESIGNATION. UNCLEAR WHY HAK WAS SO CERTAIN, FOR WHATEVER POSITIVE RESULTS TOKYO SUMMIT PRODUCED, THEY WERE SKILLFULLY CLOUDED IN COMMUNIQUE THAT AVOIDED SPECIFICS AND SPOKE IN DIPLOMATIC CLICHES OF SHARED INTERESTS, INTERDEPENDENCE, COORDINATED RESPONSES, GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND DURABLE FRIENDSHIPS.

ABRAMSON FOUND COMMUNIQUE NO INDICATION PRESS AND TANKA HAD MOVED TO RESOLVE NUKES CONTROVERSY, AND NO INDICATION GOJ WILL RELENT IN BAN ON US BEEF IMPORTS OR IN THEIR FISHING PRACTICES THAT HAVE CAUSED CONCERN IN ALASKA.
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BIGGEST HEADLINE OF MEETING WAS PRES' GESTURE INVITING EMPEROR TO US.

NYT'S HALLORAN IN TOKYO REMARKS THAT THE BEST THING ABOUT PRES' VISIT TO TOKYO WAS THAT WORST DIDN'T HAPPEN - NO BIG ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS, NO INCIDENTS TO THREATEN PRES, ETC. BALANCE OF ARTICLE CAPTIONED "REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK..." DEVOTED TO POTPOURRI OF EVENTS CONCERNING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, TELEVISION COVERAGE, AND MINOR BLUNDERS OCCURRING DURING VISIT.

10. CHINA

PROMPTED BY HAK'S UPCOMING VISIT TO PEKING, CSM'S SCHMIDT TAKES MEASURE OF EXPECTATIONS. CITES AMERICAN ANALYSTS AS PROVISIONALLY BELIEVING THAT PRC IS LIKELY TO STICK WITH DETENTE, INTO EARLY 1980S. BASIS FOR ASSESSMENT IS THAT IT WILL TAKE CHINA AT LEAST DECADE TO BUILD UP NUCLEAR POWER TO POINT WHERE SHE CAN CHALLENGE, ALTHOUGH HARDLY RIVAL, WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW. WHILE NO IMMEDIATE CHANGE IN CHINESE POLICIES EXPECTED, HAK WILL BE ON LOOKOUT FOR ANY INFO ON YOUNGER CHINESE LEADERS WHO MIGHT EVENTUALLY SUCCEED MAO AND CHOU. HE IS EXPECTED TO VISIT CHOU AND WILL PROBABLY BE RECEIVED BY MAO, BUT IS EXPECTED TO DEAL PRINCIPALLY WITH TENG HSIAO-PING, ACTING IN CHOU'S PLACE, AND CHIAO KUAN-HUA. AMERICANS DEALING WITH PRC ARE LIKELY TO FEEL ABARRIER GENERATED BY CHINESE INSISTENCE THAT PRACTICAL AND EVEN CULTURAL CONTACTS SHALL NOT DILUTE POLITICAL PURITY OF REVOLUTIONARY IDEOLOGY. CHINESE OVERLOOKING "FOR NOW" SHE AFFRONT THEY ARE KNOWN TO FEEL OVER CHOICE OF VLADIVOSTOK FOR FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WANT ANYTHING TO INTERFERE WITH DEVELOPMENT OF US-PRC RELATIONS. WHILE SOVIETS REMAIN, FROM CHINESE VIEWPOINT, THE MAIN THREAT, IN LAST FEW MONTHS TENDENCY HAS BEEN TO DE-EMPHASIZE IMMEDIACY OF THREAT. CHINESE PRESS POLEMICS AGAINST USSR CONTINUE AT HIGH LEVEL, BUT MORE SERIOUS CHINESE JOURNALS SPEAK OF POSSIBILITY OF NEW NONAGGRESSION TREATY WITH SOVIETS. THINKING BEHIND TALK IS THAT FOR NEXT DECADE CHINA WILL REMAIN MILITARILY INFERIOR TO
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